



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, America's system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, gardens and other landmark areas throughout the nation that individually and collectively represent irreplaceable national resources; and

WHEREAS, public lands provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning and a variety of outdoor recreational experiences; and

WHEREAS, public lands promote civic ideals that include shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership; and

WHEREAS, public lands contribute significantly to local and state economies through tourism, outdoor recreation and renewable forest products; and

WHEREAS, public lands often contribute to clean water, clean air, wildlife habitat and aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, shared stewardship requires the goodwill, cooperation and active support of citizens, community, city and state officials, business leaders, children and adults; and

WHEREAS, land conservation builds awareness among urban dwellers with concerns about planned development, shared land use, preservation of wild areas and natural habitats, and the benefits realized by diligent restoration and enhancement efforts; and

WHEREAS, an alliance between private citizens, land managers and community leaders improves the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee state agencies such as the Department of Environment and Conservation, Department of Agriculture and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency join the National Environmental Education & Training Foundation and various federal land management partners to support National Public Lands Day as a way to promote local citizen participation on publicly held lands in Tennessee,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2006, as

PUBLIC LANDS DAY

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 10th day of September, 2006.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Bredesen".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Riley O. Darnell".

Secretary of State

